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IN MEMORIAM

RAY CHAN

PRODUCTION DESIGNER

DECEMBER 1, 1967 — APRIL 23, 2024

Marvel is incredibly saddened by the loss of Ray Chan, longtime Marvel filmmaker and friend, who passed away in April.

Ray was an incredible production designer who helped imagine and design the Marvel Cinematic Universe. From Xandar to the Sanctum Sanctorum, Ray brought distinct, lived-in worlds to the screen, spanning the far reaches of space to a Louisiana fishing boat. He was also a wonderful friend and colleague who will be dearly missed by everyone who had the privilege of working with him.

"Ray was first and foremost a good friend to everyone at Marvel Studios. He was a talented collaborator who brought creativity and attention to detail to every frame of every movie he worked on and who was able to bring out the best in each department he worked with," said Marvel Studios' Kevin Feige and Louis D'Esposito. "He was the nicest human being and was such a pleasure to work with, hugely generous and the kind of person who could take the seed of an idea and turn it into something beautiful. We are devastated by his passing. He will be missed by everyone at Marvel, and our sincerest condolences go out to his family and friends."

Ray first joined Marvel Studios on *Thor: The Dark World* as Supervising Art Director and went on to be Supervising Art Director on many other Marvel films, including *Guardians of the Galaxy*, *Avengers: Age of Ultron*, *Doctor Strange*, *Avengers: Infinity War* and *Avengers: Endgame*. He was also an Art Director on *Spider-Man: Far From Home*, as well as Production Designer on *The Falcon and The Winter Soldier*, *Deadpool & Wolverine* and Additional Photography on *Ant-Man and The Wasp: Quantumania*.

Ray is survived by his wife, Lindsay, and their children Caspar and Sebastian.

DO IT.

YOU ARE SURE?

WE CAN STOP. ANY TIME.

NO. DO IT.

BUT NO BOND. SEPARATE MINDS. OKAY?

OKAY.

LIKE THE FIRST DAYS.

SO. WHAT DO YOU THINK, PETER?

DO I STILL FIT?

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VENOM WAR

SPIDER-MAN #1

After the tragic death of his Uncle Ben, **PETER PARKER** understood that with great power there must also come great responsibility. He became the crimefighting super hero called **THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN**! While on a mission in space, Peter began wearing a strange black costume that had special abilities. Upon discovery that this costume was in fact an extraterrestrial **SYMBIOTE** that was attempting to bond with him, Peter rejected the creature, leaving it for dead. The symbiote instead bonded with **EDDIE BROCK**, a reporter who also had a vendetta against Spider-Man, and together the two became **VENOM**.

More recently, Eddie gained power over all symbiotes as the **KING IN BLACK**, the ruler of their race, while his son, **DYLAN**, and the symbiote formed their own union as the new Venom. However Eddie and Dylan have gone to war over control over the symbiote – each convinced that the other remaining bonded to Venom would usher in the apocalypse.

But the symbiote has abandoned both of them, believing that bonding to Eddie and Dylan has only made their lives worse. Venom hid alone and waited to die in the last place anyone would look – Peter Parker's closet...which is where Peter found him as the war between Eddie and Dylan began.

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SO. YOU GUYS ARE *WRESTLING.*

DON'T LAUGH. THE *HUMANS* WERE WRESTLING. IF THE TELEVISION MAN IS CORRECT ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE GARDEN, THE SYMBIOTES HAVE GONE TO *WAR.*

RIGHT, ALIEN WAR ON EARTH, A CLASSIC MIX-AROUND. AND BY *SYMBIOTES,* YOU MEAN--

EDDIE AND DYLAN. AND... *OTHER* EDDIES, CONTROLLING *OTHER* SYMBIOTES.

HERE TO KILL US.

HILARIOUS. YOU GUYS ARE *SO WEIRD.*

BUT I GUESS THAT'S THE PRICE OF GETTING TO HANG OUT WITH YOU ALL THE TIME, *HUH,* VENOM?

THE PRICE OF BEING *COOL.*

I GOTTA SAY, BUDDY.

I GET WHY PEOPLE PAY IT.

THWIP

THERE REALLY IS NOTHING LIKE BEING BACK IN--

HNH!

PETER? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

THAT FELT EXTREMELY WEIRD!!

THAT *WAS* WEIRD.

"MY *SPIDER-SENSE* JUST POPPED OFF. BUT NOT FOR A DANGER, I DON'T THINK. IT WAS MORE LIKE...

"...AN *ECHO.*

"MEMORIES.

BONGGG

"NOSTALGIA, I GUESS."

BONGGG

BONGGG

BONG

"ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, PETER?

"YOU SOUND...SAD. IS SOMETHING *WRONG* WITH YOUR LIFE?

"SAD? ME?! *PLEASE.*

"EVERYTHING IN PARKER-LAND IS GOING *GREAT.*"

EXCEPT, OF COURSE, MY SPIDER-SENSE, WHICH HAS TAKEN A TURN FOR THE COMPLETELY *USELESS.*

SO, HEY, BE A BUD AND LET ME KNOW IF YOU SEE ANYTHING TRYING TO MURDER US-- OTHERWISE, I'M GONNA GET US TO THE ACTION FASTER THAN YOU CAN SAY THE SENTENCE I JUST--

I SEE SOMETHING.

AW, RATS.

NYC

HOBGOBLIN?!

WAIT, ARE YOU *RODERICK* OR *NED*, 'CUS EITHER WAY, WE GOTTA HAVE A TALK ABOUT *INTERRUPTING OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS.*

HE KNEW WHERE YOU WERE GONNA BE, SPIDER-MAN!

WAIT, *WHAT? WHO* DID? *YOU* DID?

I CAN'T CONTROL THE GLIDER!

THAT IS NOT THE VOICE OF RODERICK KINGSLEY, PETER.

I CAN'T FEEL MY LEGS!

LADY, STAY CALM! I CAN HELP, BUT NOT IF--

HE JUST TOOK US INTO THE DARK AND CHANGED US AND HELP ME HELP ME!

HELP MEEEEEEEEEEEE!

OH, NO. NO, NO, NO, NO, *NO*, *NO*--

BOOM

PETER.

YOU ARE ALIVE.

YOU HAVE LOST THE WOMAN, BUT WHATEVER THAT ATTACK HAS BEGUN TO DO...

...WHATEVER OTHER INNOCENT PEOPLE ARE AT STAKE...

...YOU HAVE NOT YET EARNED YOUR REST.

RIGHT.

THANKS. FOR THE SAVE *AND* FOR STICKING AROUND.

OF COURSE, PETER. WE ARE IN THIS *TOGETHER.*

GOOD. 'CUS I GOT A FEELING THIS IS GONNA GET UGLY.

YOU GOT A POINT THERE, BUDDY.

YES, PETER...

...I FEEL THE SAME.

YOU TOOK EVERYTHING FROM ME.

AGAIN AND AGAIN AND *AGAIN.*

NOW ALL THAT HATE HAS COME TO *COLLECT!*

NOW *THAT* IS RODERICK.

I ALWAYS *HATED* THAT OLD %$**.

VENOM! YOU KISS YOUR EDDIE BROCK WITH THAT MOUTH?

YOU DID ALL THIS FOR *ME*, RODDY? I APPRECIATE A SURPRISE PARTY AS MUCH AS THE NEXT SPIDER-MAN, BUT *NEXT* TIME, MAYBE INVITE SOME OF *MY* FRIENDS?

HONESTLY, MAN! HOW'D YOU EVEN KNOW WHERE I WAS GONNA BE?! IS WHEREISSPIDER-MAN DOT COM BACK UP OR ARE YOU JUST A BIG *WRESTLING* FAN?

THWIP

AND AS FOR *YOU*, BRAINWASHED CIVILIAN WHO HAS BEEN PUT IN AN INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS SITUATION-- *REALLY* SORRY FOR THE BRUISES YOU'LL HAVE TOMORROW.

KRAK!

YOU HAVE MANY ENEMIES, *SPIDER-MAN!* AND YOU HAVE ONE IN *HIGH PLACES* WHO CAN SEE YOU THROUGH *EYES IN THE SKY!* TOLD ME RIGHT WHERE YOU'D BE!

TAKE THESE PEOPLE, FOR INSTANCE! I HELPED THEM *EXPRESS THEIR TRUTH*! THIS CITY *HATES* YOU! WE ALL DO!

SEE, NOW I *KNOW* YOU'RE LYING! I'M ENTIRELY TOO *FRIENDLY AND NEIGHBORHOOD* FOR THEM *ALL* TO HATE ME.

THE *OLD MAN* USED SOME KIND OF *MIND CONTROL* TO CONVERT THESE MINIONS. I CAN *TASTE IT.*

THWIP

BECAUSE... YOU STILL EAT BRAINS?

...YES. BRAINS ARE DELICIOUS.

AND IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, STILL *OFF-LIMITS*-- OKAY BUDDY?

THWIP

...FINE.

...BUT ONLY BECAUSE YOU CALLED ME *BUDDY*.

KABOOM!

FINALLY!

DEATH TO THE *SPIDER-MA*--

AW, POOR HOBBY GOBBY. CHEER UP.

YOU'LL GET HIM NEXT TIME.

I GOTTA TELL YOU, RODERICK--
I REALLY THOUGHT WE'D GOTTEN PAST THIS PART OF OUR RELATIONSHIP.

SCARY MASKS, EVIL THREATS--CAN'T WE JUST *GET ALONG?*

IT'S NOT A MASK, SPIDER-MAN--IT'S A ***STATEMENT!*** IT'S MY INNER LIFE, UNLOCKED FOR THE WORLD TO SEE! MY HATRED, STITCHED IN ORANGE AND BLUE!

ALWAYS THE *FASHION MOGUL,* HUH?

THWAP

SORRY MY PLEBEIAN SENSE OF STYLE IS *BRINGING YOU DOWN.*

GUESS I'VE JUST ALWAYS BEEN PARTIAL TO BLACK.

SLAM

PETER.

YOU ARE GETTING RECKLESS. ANGRY. I CAN FEEL IT EVEN OUTSIDE OF YOUR MIND.

WELL, *YEAH!* HOBGOBLIN'S BAD ENOUGH-- BUT HOW DO I SAVE HOSTAGES THAT ARE *TRYING TO KILL ME?*

THAT'S *EXACTLY* WHAT HE'S USING AGAINST YOU.

YOUR OBSESSIVE NEED TO SAVE *EVERYONE.*

YOU WEAR YOUR HOPE AS MUCH AS HE WEARS HIS FEAR.

AND DO YOU THINK THAT'S GOING TO CHANGE-- *OOMPH!*

PLEASE, PETER. I HAVE BECOME *MORE* THAN JAMMIES.

THWIP

--JUST BECAUSE I'M WEARING *DIFFERENT* JAMMIES?

I HAVE BECOME STEEL.

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, YOU'RE STILL THINKING LIKE A SPIDER.

YOU'RE STILL SITTING ALONE IN YOUR WEB.

BUT YOU'RE NOT ALONE ANYMORE, PETER.

WE ARE BACK.

WE ARE TOGETHER.

WE ARE--

DIE!!!

BOOM!

THRAK

...THAT WAS...NOT GREAT...

...WE...WE ARE...

...STILL ON THE CLOCK!

WE ARE SAVING PEOPLE!

WE ARE NOT GIVING UP.

KRASH!

WE ARE SPIDER-MAN!

YES! GOOD! MAKE THIS CHASE WORTH MY PRECIOUS TIME!

IT'LL MAKE MY REVENGE ALL THE SWEETER!

THE END

WHO IS THAT?

YOU MEAN THE WOMAN WHO JUST SAVED OUR LIVES? VENOM, MEET NEW YORK'S NEWEST (NONLETHAL) PROTECTOR...

JACKPOT!

GOT IT IN ONE, TIGER!

I'D SAY YOU DESERVE A PRIZE...

...BUT I THINK WE *BOTH KNOW* THIS BET IS *DOUBLE OR NOTHING.*

WOW, PROFESSIONAL-LEVEL QUIPPAGE RIGHT THERE.

DING DING DING

LEARNED FROM THE *BEST.*

PETER. WHY DO YOU USE THAT WORD? JACKPOT? THIS IS...THE REDHEAD.

FOOSH

YOU TAKE THE GLIDERS, I'LL TAKE THE VICTIMS?

A CLASSIC TEAM-UP WITH ONE OF MY FAVORITE PEOPLE? DON'T MIND IF I DO!

UNLESS YOU'RE ALREADY PARTNERED UP? I DIDN'T KNOW THE LOOK TODAY WAS *VINTAGE.*

MARY JANE WATSON.

OH, YOU KNOW... SOMETIMES, YOU JUST WANT TO GO WITH A CLASSIC!

THAT'S NOT CLASSIC--IT'S AN *ALIEN PARASITE.* THE NEWS HAS A DOZEN OF THEM *MAIMING WRESTLERS* AT THE GARDEN. YOU HEARD THAT AND THOUGHT, "HEY, MAYBE I'LL *JOIN IN*"?

SHE HATES ME.

ALMOST AS MUCH AS YOU LOVE HER.

Foosh!

LAST TIME YOU WORE IT...

LAST TIME, I WAS A YOUNGER SPIDER-MAN. STILL FULL OF BAD CHOICES.

LIKE LEAVING ME.

WELL, GETTING RID OF IT WASN'T ONE OF THEM!

...AND THEN...OH, PETER, NOOO... YOU GOT RID OF HER?

YOUR PASSION, YOUR LOVE...IT IS UNREQUITED?!

YOU ARE ON THIN ICE, MISTER. SHE IS SPOKEN FOR.

YOU LIED TO ME.

THIS IS YOUR SADNESS.

COME ON, SPIDEY! WE'VE GOT A CITY TO SAVE!

BUT WHO SAVES YOU, PETER PARKER?

"WHO KEEPS YOU SAFE?"

ALCHEMAX.

BACK WITH PETER. SO PREDICTABLE. ALWAYS THOUGHT I WAS THE DUMB ONE, DIDN'T YOU?

BUT HERE I AM. OUTTHINKING YOU. OUTPLAYING YOU. EVEN OUTMANEUVERING SPIDER-MAN.

WAITING PATIENTLY THROUGH THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF THIS PLANET TO BRING THE CHAOS I'LL UNLEASH TONIGHT. SOMEWHERE IN YOUR MIND...

...I HOPE YOU CAN HEAR THIS.

THE ONLY THING I'M GONNA ENJOY ***MORE*** THAN WATCHING THIS ***WRECK YOUR WORLD*** IS ***KILLING*** YOUR LITTLE ***FRIEND.*** AND AT THE END OF ALL THINGS...

CLK

"...YOU WILL BE MINE."

YOUR HOSTAGES ARE GONE! IT'S TWO AGAINST ONE! THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE, RODDY!

BLURBBB

I WAS GOING TO SAY THE SAME TO YOU, SPIDER--WAIT, WHAT'S THAT?

WHAT THE #$%& IS THAT?!? GET IT OFF ME!

I AM FREE!

FREE IS US!

AND WE!

ARE!

AZAZIEL

WHAT THE--

--HELL IS THAT?

IT IS *IMPOSSIBLE.* I THOUGHT IT WAS ONLY A LEGEND OF KLYNTAR.

THE MIND WHO CONSUMES ALL IT ENCOUNTERS.

THE ARACHNIOTE.

PETER.

NOTHING HAS EVER SURVIVED ITS TOUCH. IT WAS FEARED EVEN BY KNULL.

IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A CHANCE, I CANNOT JUST BE YOUR *COSTUME.*

YOU MUST BE MY HOST, THE BOND REMADE, OUR MINDS AS ONE.

WE MUST BE *TOGETHER.*

WE MUST BE VENOM.

TO BE CONTINUED!

VENOM WAR

THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE!

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